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In re patent application of: Youichi Hidaka, et al.

Serial No.: 10/642,197

Group Art Unit: 2451

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Examiner: Walsh, John B.

For: FRAME TRANSFER METHOD AND NODE IN ETHERNET

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Sir:

Under the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97 through §1.98 and pursuant to applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56, applicant respectfully bring the following documents cited in the Chinese Office Action dated November 14, 2008 in a counterpart foreign application and listed on the attached form PTO-1449, to the attention of the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application. Copies of the listed documents are provided herewith for the convenience of the Examiner. Further, an English-language abstract is attached to the Chinese Office Action.

In compliance with the requirements of 37 CFR §1.98(a)(3), as a concise statement of relevance, as it is presently understood by the individual designated in 35 U.S.C. §1.56(c) most knowledgeable about the content of the information, the undersigned attorney of record submits a translation of portions of an official action by a foreign examiner in which the references were cited. The relevance to the pending U.S. patent application is that the references were cited in a foreign patent application on the same subject matter. However, no independent analysis of the reference, the accuracy of the statement of the foreign examiner or the claims of the foreign application under the laws of that country or the United States relative to the subject matter claimed in the present application has been made, the present understanding of the contents thereof by the undersigned being based on the translation of the foreign examiner's comments submitted herewith.

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I hereby certify that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was the first citation of that item by a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application which occurred not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

This citation does not constitute an admission that the references are relevant or material to the claims. They are only cited as constituting related art of which the applicant is aware.

Submitted herewith is the IDS fee of \$180.00.

It is respectfully requested that the listed references be considered by the Examiner and formally made of record in this application.

Please charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

Respectfully submitted,



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